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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/30/25.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The wording of the first paragraph of claim 1 is awkward. In line 4, what is the pair referring to, and what is meant by a distance of 180 degrees in a circumferential direction at said operated portion? Should this be an angle? Distance is not measured in degrees.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller.

Miller teaches a rotatively operating tool comprising a lever, provided with a hook-shaped head, 7, having at a tip end thereof, an upper jaw, 6, a handle, 1, which is provided at a tip end thereof with a lower jaw, 3, wherein the lever is connected at an

intermediate portion of the handle, 5, for turning movement in directions in which the upper jaw is moved toward and away from the lower jaw, so that when the upper jaw at the tip end of the lever is brought into engagement with one of the pair of engaging surfaces of the operated portion of the rotatively operated member and the handle is turned relative to the lever in the direction in which the lower jaw is moved toward the upper jaw, the lower jaw protrudes toward the upper jaw to abut against the other of the pair or engaging surfaces, whereby the operated portion of the rotatively operated member is clamped between the lower and upper jaws and when the handle is turned in an opposite direction, the handle is brought into abutment against a stopper face formed on the lever, whereby the lever is turned with the handle, (pg 2, lines 35-54 and 109-112). Miller also teaches an spring made of elastic material mounted between an end of the lever opposite from the head and an intermediate portion of the handle for biasing the lever to turn the lever in a direction of abutment of the handle against the stopper face of the lever, (pg. 2 lines 55-87).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of Watanabe.

Miller teaches all the limitations of the claims except for the spring being in the form of a plate. Watanabe teaches a spring being in the form of a plate, (fig. 6). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the tool of Miller with a spring in the form of a plate, as taught by Watanabe, in order to enhance the tools wrenching capabilities, and springs in the form of a plate is a well known fact in the art of pivoted wrenches.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. McCann was cited to show another example of a rotatively operated tool.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantese L. McDonald whose telephone number is (571) 272-4486. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Hail, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "H" and "I".

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